

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 315  
4000 Arlington Boulevard  
Arlington  
Arlington County  
Virginia

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY  
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- Location: Building 315 is located in the southeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station on the east side of Fourth Street approximately 30 feet south of Third Street. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.
- Significance: Constructed in 1942 as a Mess Hall, Building 315 was part of the initial building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).
- Description: Building 315 is a rectangular, single story, gable roofed, wood building supported on concrete piers. The building measures approximately 45 feet by 170 feet. The front, west, facade includes a wheelchair ramp approach to a covered entry way with a gabled roof supported on four square wood columns. The north facade has a flat-roofed modern aluminum and glass entry measuring approximately 6 feet by 6 feet. A large raised wood deck is located on the south facade. The building is clad in wide clapboards with vertical wood corner boards. Window sash are aluminum double-casement replacements of the original units with window flower boxes below. The western third of the interior consists of randomly arranged rooms. The remainder of the building is a six lane bowling center.
- History: Building 315 was constructed in 1942 for use as a Mess Hall. A new mess hall constructed in 1944 permitted conversion of Building 315 into a bowling center. By 1952, Building 315 had been converted back into a mess hall. The mess halls at the post were consolidated ca. 1957 and Building 315 again became a bowling center. The building has undergone various repairs, alterations and maintenance since 1944 including construction of an aluminum and glass vestibule, a raised wood deck, and a snack bar. Most recently the bowling lanes have been removed and the building is presently vacant.
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